

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2106 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4530 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Betty Combs called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
2. ROLL: Present were Chair Betty Combs, Don Smith, Craig Marr, Donna Walsh Dominic Dellavolpe and Town Council liaison Tom Gent. Ron Russo and Janice Falcone were unable to attend.
3. MINUTES FROM MEETING OF August 25, 2016 – The minutes from August 25th were approved unanimously on a motion from Craig Marr seconded by Donna Walsh.
4. CHARTS PROJECT – Donna Walsh reported that the artists were generally happy with the event and that some volunteered to assist with future events. Donna Walsh will meet with the artists and gather more feedback. Craig Marr motioned to table the discussion until the commission could hear the results of Donna's meeting. Donna Walsh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECT – Town clerk Amy Weinreich presented the identification for use by EIC when visiting local businesses. Dominic Dellavolpe will review the most recent business survey and report at the next meeting.
6. PLANS FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESS FORUM – Craig Marr motioned that the commission table the discussion until an available date was selected. Then we would be able to move forward with the discussion. Don Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
7. FRIENDS OF NINIGRET PARK: No report
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.
9. OPEN FORUM: Tom Gentz reported the Town Council passed a tax tangible relief bill which will lower taxes for local businesses. Tom reported that ground was broken for the Church Woods project. Also Tom reported that PRISM Streetlights, a South Kingstown company of which Tom is President, was the fastest growing company in RI growing at 2,594% over the past three years. PRISM takes on the task of light conversion in Providence and throughout the state.
9. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 am Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
10. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:45 am on motion by Craig Marr seconded by Donna Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith

APPROVED October 27, 2016